

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Charter Revision Committee established by Resolution No. 20070405-029 made a recommendation to City Council on a four to two vote, with one member absent, that the City Council move forward with placing the issue of geographic district representation on the ballot but did not recommend a plan or map; and

WHEREAS, City Council approved Resolutions 20100624-078, 20110428-048, and 20110623-094 regarding single member districts and other charter amendments for changes to City functions; and

WHEREAS, the council adopted districting criteria and guidelines with Resolutions No. 20110526-024 and 20110526-025 on May 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, significant public input must be considered before any plan is sent to the voters and the United States Department of Justice; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council establishes a 2012 Charter Revision Committee composed of fifteen members who are representative of the community and residents of Austin. The mayor shall recommend three Committee members and council members shall each recommend two Committee members. All members will be appointed by the City Council no later than August 25, 2011.

The Committee is subject to 2-1-3(D) requiring compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

The Committee shall make recommendations to the City Council regarding proposed City Charter amendment language in Resolution 20100624-078 and drafted by staff per Resolutions 20110428-048 and 20110623-094.

The Committee shall make recommendations to the City Council regarding the proposed maps presented to Council on June 9, 2011 and any maps presented to the Committee in compliance with the districting criteria and guidelines in Resolutions 20110526-024 and 20110526-025.

The Committee shall meet at least once to consider maps submitted by the public and at least once to discuss its recommendations to Council. The Committee shall seek public input from a diverse number of citizens with outreach to community and civic organizations.

The Committee shall begin its work as soon as all members are appointed and shall work expeditiously with the goal of recommending amendments and a map that includes any combination of at-large and geographic representation by January 31, 2012 for Council consideration. Upon submission of its recommendations on January 31, 2012, the Committee will dissolve.

The Committee shall chose a Chair by majority vote at the Committee's first meeting.

The City Manager shall provide appropriate resources to the Committee.

The City Council requests that the City Manger explore options for public access to districting software and related technology and report back to the City Council within 30 days.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk